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Raised Bill No. 110

LCO No. 1426

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY PROTOCOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 2 and
2 3 of this act:

3 (1) "Genuine terrorist threat" means an incident, threat or activity
4 involving an act of domestic or international terrorism sufficient to
5 affect public safety that is deemed credible.

6 (2) "Local chief elected official" means the mayor, selectman or town
7 manager of a city or town.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
9 Public Safety may assess threats to public safety to determine when a
10 threat qualifies as a genuine terrorist threat. The commissioner may
11 consult with whatever agencies or officials that he deems appropriate
12 for such evaluation.

13 (b) When the Commissioner of Public Safety determines that there is
14 a genuine terrorist threat, the commissioner shall immediately notify
15 the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

16 of such threat.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Department of Public
18 Safety shall develop a method of direct communication with local chief
19 elected officials.

20 (b) Whenever state assets are deployed to a location in response to a
21 threat received at the state level, the Department of Public Safety shall
22 immediately notify the local chief elected officials of such location of
23 the potential threat.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the protocol in case of terrorist threat, to give the Commissioner of Public Safety the authority to evaluate such threats, and to mandate communication with the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and local officials in the case of a credible threat.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]